

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Paper Highwaymen.

Newspaper owners are watching with interest the federal grand jury inquiry in New York into the past behavior of news print manufacturers. One phase of the situation is the portion of the anti-trust act which permits those who have been injured by the operations of a convicted monopoly to obtain damages from that monopoly. This would mean that in the event of a conviction newspapers which have been paying exorbitant prices for their paper would be in a position to demand restitution. This would come easily in the event of indictment and conviction. It would not be so simple by any means should the government fail to obtain both, for instead of conviction establishing the basis for a later judgment, the aggrieved newspapers would be compelled to prove their own case exactly as in a civil suit, standing on its own merits. It has been suggested that if the department of justice abandons its grand jury investigation it should turn over to the publishers the evidence it has gathered to aid the publishers in a fight of their own. The manufacturers virtually admitted their guilt and have allowed the federal trade commission to fix their schedule of prices or six months at a saving of about 40 a ton. They were anxious to have prosecutions stopped, but no promises were made to do this. The gang who robbed the publishers of \$30,000,000 in one year will resume operations in September unless the courts act.

Turkey is now in a fair way to be bobbled up.

The native tribes of Arabia are said to be taking a hand in the expulsion of the Turks from their country.

President Wilson from a sick bed Friday ordered the arming of American merchant ships against German depredations on the high seas.

President Wilson has called an extra session for April 16. The Democrats have 12 majority in the new Senate and a tie in the House.

Miss Ella Monroe, who is charged with killing the girl who acquired a foothold in her lover's heart in Harlan county, gave a new application to the Monroe Doctrine.

A Louisville policeman has resigned to go to Los Angeles, Cal., as manager of a poultry farm. He ought to know all about pulling feathers and catching things on the fly.

Death has taken another hand in the organization of the coming House, this time in favor of the Democrats. Congressman Sulloway, of New Hampshire, is dead of pneumonia. A special election to fill a vacancy cannot be called later than March 16.

Senator Kern has refused a \$6,000 secretaryship offered by the Senate of which he has ceased to be a member. He wants something better, with duties less like work and as long as sinners are to be given out, we all want him to be as well cared for as any of the lame ducks.

Congressman Schall, one of the five Independents, says he will help organize the House. Schall and one other are claimed by the Republicans, the Socialist and the Prohibitionist by the Democrats, while Martin, the Louisiana Progressive, is claimed by both sides. Either side needs three to five to win, with all voting.

Wearers of shoes who are paying \$7 to \$10 a pair for shoes they do not get for half the money will not use their footwear to their advantage when they learn that \$1.00 annually of the extra money goes to the 13,000 shoe workers in factories of Brockton, Mass., who have just been given a ten per cent increase in wages and a half-holiday each week.

NEWSPAPER IS INDICTED

Two Bills Returned By Grand Jury for Criminal Libel.

JUDGE BUSH EDITORIAL

Grand Jury Completes Its Work and Adjourns Finally.

The grand jury completed its work Saturday afternoon and adjourned finally after a session of two weeks. Another batch of indictments, some of them of importance, brought the total number up to about 50. Two separate indictments growing out of the Courier-Journal's attack on Judge Bush were returned. One is against Claude W. Perry, State news editor of the Courier-Journal, and the other against the Courier-Journal Company, alleging that they criminally libeled Circuit Judge Charles H. Bush. Mr. Perry is charged with "inducing" the Courier-Journal to publish an editorial criticizing Judge Bush in connection with the Lube Martin murder trial at Murray, Ky. The indictment against the Courier-Journal Company alleges that the intent and tenor of the editorial in question was to "disgrace and dishonor and injure" Judge Bush. Much correspondence followed the publication of the article in the Courier-Journal, which the paper refused to retract. In a letter written by Denny Smith, Commonwealth's Attorney, it was broadly intimated that the courts would be opposed to.

This is the case in which Governor Stanley made a hurried night trip from Louisville to Murray for the purpose of personally taking charge of the situation. The grand jury also returned a statement, signed by all the members, in which they "express our fullest confidence in Judge Bush and our firm belief upon that occasion he conducted himself as a fearless, upright and honorable judge and that any reports to the contrary are false, malicious and libelous."

In the case of Frank Parker, who had been in jail several months and who proved to be a troublesome prisoner, no indictment was found. He was charged with forgery and during his incarceration made one escape and was caught trying to make another a few weeks ago. The grand jury reported that the evidence was insufficient to indict.

Charges against Dave Long, col., for assault, and Link Kendrick, a colored woman, for malicious shooting, were also dismissed without finding bills.

WOODMEN ARE WITH US

Head Camp To begin Annual Meeting Today At The Tabernacle.

The annual meeting of the head camp of the Woodmen of the World of Kentucky will meet in this city for a session of two days. Of the hundreds of delegates expected, some arrived yesterday and the local Woodmen were busy looking after the visitors. The headquarters will be in the second story of the Moayan building, the Woodmen Hall.

The first public meeting will be at the Tabernacle this morning, when welcome addresses will be made and responded to by Judge Gregory and other distinguished visitors.

T. C. Underwood, Frank Bassett, Ira D. Smith and W. T. Fowler will hold up the oratorical end of the W. O. W. welcome this morning, matched against a couple of Congressmen. Claude Clark will be an eloquent listener.

The ladies' branch of the order will assemble at the Avalon at the same time.

DEPARTMENT STORE PLANS

Are Now In the Hands Of the Architect For Early Action.

ANDERSON BUILDING SURE

To Occupy the Vacant Mason Lot Purchased Ten Years Ago.

Architect John T. Waller is now at work on the plans for the new apartment store of J. H. Anderson & Co., to be erected on their lot bought ten years ago. Following the collapse of the Mason building during the high water of Nov. 1906, the company bought the vacant lot fronting 72 feet on Main and an ell in the rear of the Gish building fronting 35 feet on Ninth. Recently 30 feet was sold to the Woolworth company and the new building will front 42 feet on Main and run around to Ninth, with a frontage opposite the Cherokee building. It will be three stories high and equipped especially for their business.

Mr. Waller expects to have the plans ready soon, when bids will be opened and the contract let for the building to be finished before the end of the year. It will be provided with handsome show windows on both fronts and the upper floors will be reached by electric elevators.

The Main street lot is 150 feet deep and the building will almost double the capacity of the present Anderson store.

Patient From Union.

Frank Tilley, of Union county, died at the Western State Hospital Friday night of lagrippe. He had been in the institution about six months. Interment in the hospital burying ground.

METHODISTS RAISED ENOUGH

Total of \$16,000 Subscribed Up to and Including the Service Sunday.

The \$15,000 balance on the new Methodist church, which the committee on finances started out to raise last week, was more than made up.

The five captains turned in an aggregate of \$14,100 and on Sunday the amount was run up to \$16,000, or \$1,000 more than was asked for. This with the sale of the old church property will pay the \$30,000 needed. The extra \$1,000 will be applied to the organ debt the ladies expected to pay, the stewards formally relieving them of the obligation.

It has also been decided to place memorial tablets to Mr. and Mrs. Price who gave the old church site and to John C. Latham, who gave the new lot. They will be located on each side of the main entrance. These will soon be received.

The final report by captains was as follows:

Captain R. E. Cooper	\$3,238.00
Captain F. K. Yost	3,207.00
Captain J. M. Nellett	3,284.00
Captain J. A. Browning, Jr.	3,177.50
Captain J. J. Robertson	3,178.20
Total	\$16,064.70

POTATOES LOWER.

There has been a drop in potatoes from \$9.00 to \$6.50 a sack. At Chicago 35 cars of Colorado, Washington, Idaho and Oregon whites brought the price down to \$2.25 to \$2.40 a bushel. Wisconsin and Michigan then dropped to \$2.20 to \$2.35. The potato corner in New York was broken by the importation of Western stock. The Evansville price dropped to \$2.08 per bushel, at least \$1 lower than the recent inflated prices.

SUDDEN DEATH OF J. D. RUSSELL

Local Manager of the Christian-Todd Telephone Company.

STRICKEN IN BATH TUB

Body Taken To Nashville Yesterday For Interment With Elks Honors.



James Delos Russell, local manager of the Christian-Todd Telephone Co., died very suddenly at 2:20 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home at 411 West 7th Street. He was apparently in his usual health and at about 11:30 went into the bathroom and had shaved and was taking a bath. Groans were heard in the bathroom about noon and upon investigation he was found in an unconscious condition in the bathtub. He never recovered consciousness. Everything possible was done for him but he expired at 2:20 o'clock p. m. Mr. Russell was born in Oswego, N. Y. in 1861 and the greater part of his business life was spent in this city. He entered the telephone business when 21 years of age and was recently awarded a 35-year service button by the system of which the local company is a part. He was possessed of wonderful executive ability and soon became a valued employee, who was sent from place to place to straighten out difficult situations. He had lived in Chicago, several Western towns and finally was sent to Nashville where he married. From that city he was sent to Hopkinsville as permanent manager of the old Cumberland Company in 1898. When the two telephone systems consolidated under a new name a few years ago, he was retained as local manager, a position he had held continuously for 19 years.

A FURTHER RETIREMENT

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CARRANZA IS MEXICAN CHOICE

Elected President by Biggest Vote and in Freest Balloting Country Ever Knew.

VOTING DONE ON SUNDAY

Congressional Elections Held But Results Not Yet Definitely Known.

Mexico City, Mex., Mar. 12.—General Venustiano Carranza was Sunday elected president of Mexico by what is believed to have been the largest vote ever cast in the republic.

Although the voters had the privilege of writing in or declaring any name they desired, General Carranza received all but a few scattering ballots. The estimated vote cast runs all the way from several hundred thousand to a million. The presidential election Sunday was provided for in articles adopted by the constitutional assembly which met at Queretaro. Many of the old residents declare that this was the first real election ever held in the country. Reports from various parts of the republic indicate that there was no disturbance or intimidation.

Mexico will now have a constitutional president for the first time since 1911, when Francisco Madero received more than 300,000 votes. General Victoriano Huerta called an election in 1914 and declared himself elected, but later nullified the election on the grounds that an insufficient number of votes had been cast.

The election yesterday was simplified by the fact that there is no vice president under the constitution. It will be some time, however, before the returns of the congressional elections are definitely known.

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FALLS TO THE BRITISH ARMY

Chief Turkish City in Mesopotamia Falls Before Army of Gen. Maude.

STRONG STRATEGIC POINT

One of the Oldest Cities in World and 2,700 Years Ago Population Was 2,000,000.

London, Mar. 12.—Bagdad, the chief Turkish city in Mesopotamia, and formerly the capital of the empire of the caliphs, has been captured by the British forces. Announcement of the capitulation of the city was made this evening by the British official bureau.

The statement was received on receipt of a telegram from General Maude saying the British forces had occupied Bagdad early Sunday morning. No details of the capture of the city were contained in Gen. Maude's dispatch.

Apparently the occupation was effected without resistance and with only slight losses. Even if the Turks succeeded in extricating all their forces the loss of Bagdad is a grave blow to them. Bagdad has been the base of all Turkish operations in Persia. Up to within a few days ago the Turks occupied about 20,000 square miles of Persian territory, but with the Russians pressing them closely from Kirmanshah, as well as from the direction of Erzerum, indications point to a speedy junction of the British and Russian forces, which would soon compel the Turkish evacuation of Persian territory.

BAGDAD 4,000 YEARS OLD.

Bagdad's capture marks the climax to one of the most dramatic and picturesque phases of the world war. The city which has fallen to British arms links the present to a past so distant that it is semi-fabulous. The known history of Bagdad reaches back for more than 4,000 years to the shadowy times of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. A quay built by the scriptural monarch is still existing, submerged in the Tigris. Within its precincts also there still stands the tombs of the Jewish prophets, Joshua, Ezra and Ezekiel and the well of Daniel.

Long after the Babylonian dynasty had ceased to be more than a memory, Bagdad rose to splendor as the artistic, literary, scientific and religious capital of the world. The heart of the great Islamic empire of the caliphs for hundreds of years, it was known throughout the world as "the glorious city" and was the scene of fantastic exploits of Haroun Al-Rasheed, the potentate, whose magnificence is expressed in the Arabian Nights.

WORLD'S FIRST CITY 2,700 YEARS AGO.

In 800, B. C., Bagdad was credited with a population of 2,000,000 and was easily the first city in the world in wealth and commerce. With the fall of the caliphs before the Turkish sultans, the decline of Bagdad commenced. It was successively the prey of Turks, Mongols, Tartars and Persians, but it was not until 1659 that the city became definitely a part of the Turkish empire.

CLARK-SMITH.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn

to Lieut. Alvan H. Clark. The wedding will take place next April.

Father and Son.

For the first time in the country's history a father and son are both members of Congress at the same time. Senator John H. Bankhead has represented Alabama in the upper house for many years. At the November election his son, W. B. Bankhead, was chosen to represent the district in the lower house.